2-00 P.M.

Calling Attention to a Matter of urgent Public Importance *re*: Small-pox epidemic in Gulbarga District.

Sri J. P. SARVESH (Serum).—I call the attention of Minister for Health to Small Pox epidemic in the villages of Sedam, Chitapur, yadgir and other Taluks in Gulbarga District.

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—Sir, the following is the statement of Small Pox epidemic in Gulbarga District since 1st November 1965. In Shahapur, there were 12 attacks, and 5 deaths Vaccination done over 7,000. In Gurmathkal Town there were 5 attacks and one death. Vaccination done 8,714. In Gulbarga City, there were 24 attacks and 12 deaths. Over 12,000 people have been vaccinated. Kodachur Town, Yadgir Taluk, there were 5 attacks and one death. Vaccination is progressing. Prompt action has been taken in all the places to protect people by vaccination and also further educating the people having covered the entire Gulbarga District. Under the Small Pox eradication programme further 53,308 primary vaccination and 96,707 re-vaccination total is 150,000 vaccinations have been done from 1-5-1965 to 31-12-1965.

Sri J. P. SARVESH.—I want to know about Sedam Taluk. Hon'ble Minister did not give any information about Sedam, and Chitapur Taluks.

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA.—Calling Attention motion itself was vague. I asked details about these Taluks and other Taluks in Gulbarga District. That is why I gave the entire picture of the District. In Sadam no cases have been noted.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಈಗ ಮೈಸೂರು ಬೇನೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಡಿರುವುದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಕಳೆದ 4—5 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ವಿವರಗಳಿಂದ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳ ವಿಷಯ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಎಂಟು ಟಿಕ್ಕೆಟ್ ಅಂದರೆ, ಐದು ಜನ ಸತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಹೀಗೆರ್ನಾ ಸಾವಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಮಗ್ರವಾದ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆಯೆ ? ಮತ್ತು, ತೀವ್ರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA.—Sir, for the information of this House I must submit that this year is the periodic peak year for Small Pox. That is why this Small Pox eradication programme has been taken up throughout the country and we can finish that programme within the target time. In 1964, we have covered the entire State covering the population of 85 per cent and we have been afterwards also continuing the maintenance programme and we are fully equiped for the eradication of this disease. But in certain places there are some objections. I do not want to say the names and communities that are not co-operating. It has become difficult for the Public Health Officers to deal with this question. At the same time all the officers have been alerted to take necessary action in these things and book those people who are not

co-operating. In this connection I must say that periodical vaccinations are necessary. It is necessary that not only the primary vaccination must be done but also the periodical vaccination must be started. This is the only solution for this kind of epidemic spread. We have given instructions regarding all these.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The chair has received a letter from Sri M. Madhvaraj, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave off absence from 28-1-1966 to 28-3-1966 due to his ill health.

> "The chair has also received a letter from Sri V. Nagappa, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of absence for one week from the date of commencement of the present sittings, due to private work."

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri M. Madhvaraj and Sri V. Nagappa, to remain absent from attending the sittings of the Assembly for the above mentioned periods ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Permission to remain absent was granted.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair wanted the co-operation of the whips in arranging the business of the House. I have not received any reply from any whips. The chair does not know how far the whips do not function at all. Or atleast they must tell me for the particular day they are not functioning.

Another point is with regard to the work to be transacted to-day. We have got two Bills on the Agenda *i. e.*, The City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1966 and the Mysore Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution and Water Rate (Amendment) Bill, 1966. The first Bill is allotted 2½ hours and the second Bill is allotted 3½ hours. Then we have got clarifications on the statement made by the Food Minister. All these have to be done. If the House does not break for Tea there will be half an hour more at our disposal.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—The City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1966 may be finished within 2½ hours. The Mysore Irrigation (Amendment) Bill, 1966, may take half an hour. Regarding food debate the time is required. If we do not rise for Tea break, it would be allright.

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.